

Baptist Pastor Gives 'Backsliders' No Quarter

LENAPAH, Okla. (BP)—Orval See, retired Oklahoma minister who became pastor of Lenapah Baptist Church a short time ago, explains how he scuttles the excuses of unchurched Baptists he visits. See knocks at the door of an unchurched person. He introduces himself this way, "I'm the new preacher living in the Methodist parsonage." "I'm sorry, but we're Baptists," the resident replies. "And it's at the Baptist church services where we've been missing you," he tells the startled "backslider." "You see, I'm the Baptist preacher here, although I do live in the Methodist parsonage." The Methodist church in Lenapah rents its parsonage in town to the Baptist church.



OLYMPICS -- IN A CITY OF CHURCHES

MUNICH—The 1972 Olympic Games will be held in what is probably the last major city in the world whose skyline is dominated by churches. Only the nearby Alps tower above the many cathedrals and churches of Munich. Identifiable in the panoramic view of the city are: the Theatinerkirche (left center) built 1663-1788 as the court church, its dome is 222 feet high;

the Frauenkirche (Our Lady's Church), at right center, this late Gothic church with its two bulbous towers is Munich's most famous landmark; just to the right is Peterskirche, Munich's oldest church, known as Old Peter; Asamkirche (far right), a Bavarian Rococo church built in the 18th Century. — RNS Photo.

By Robert L. Stanley
MANILA (BP) — Relief and rescue operations are underway as Philippine Baptists seek to aid members

and others isolated by the worst floods in the memory of most Filipinos. Almost all of central Luzon Island has been flooded as a series of trop-

ical storms and low depression areas have drawn southwest monsoon rains across the island. Overflowing rivers have broken dikes and cut off all highway traffic between Manila and Baguio City.

The death toll in the floods and landslides has been reported at 427, with more expected as additional reports come in.

Food shortages are becoming critical in isolated towns and barrios (rural communities), despite attempts to drop food from helicopters.

President Ferdinand Marcos has ordered seizure of foodstuffs in the flooded areas if owners refuse to sell at government-controlled prices.

The Clark Field Baptist Church, located near Clark Air Force Base in Angeles City, is sending out a specially equipped Air Force truck as often as it is available to take food and medical to pastors and church members in that area. The truck has its engine encased against water so that it can go through water six feet deep. "The situation is getting desperate now," said Missionary J. Allen Smith, pastor of the Clark Field Church. "It's almost dangerous to take food into an area because of the danger of being mobbed."

At San Fernando, Pampanga, south of Clark Field, the houses of 90 per cent of the church members are under water, Smith said. A team of Air Force men, accompanied by associate pastor Nardito Manalang, went through water six feet deep to bring the wife and six children of pastor Jose Bautista to safety.

Pastor Bautista and a seventh child

was up to the bottom of the windows stayed at the church, where water inside the building. Several other families are also living in the church on platforms built on top of the pulpit area. They did not want to evacuate because all of their possessions were there.

Clark Field Church is spending about \$2000 to aid in the relief effort, and is seeking donations of foodstuffs, clothing and medicine from its military membership. Members living on the base are in no danger, Smith said, and have adequate food and other supplies.

Missionaries contacted by phone in each of the flooded areas said they have adequate food but fear that many members in the area churches are suffering because of the inability to get food and medicine to them.

The executive committee of the Philippine Baptist Mission, meeting in (Continued on page 2)

Missionary To Nigeria, Mrs. Legg, Dies At 42

MT. PLEASANT, Tex. (BP)—Mrs. L. Gene Legg, 42, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria died Aug. 9 in a local hospital. She had suffered from a brain tumor since late 1970.

Funeral services were held Aug. 10 at First Baptist Church here, with burial in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Legg and their three children had made their home in Mt. Pleasant since early last year when they returned to the states because of her illness.

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Brotherhood Agency Votes Permanent Four-Day Week

MEMPHIS (BP) — Trustees of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission voted to open membership on their executive committee to trustees regardless of their place of residence, approved a record operating budget, and approved on a permanent basis a four-day work week for employees here.

The 35-member commission also re-elected John Smarge, a utility construction contractor from Silver Spring, Md., as chairman; changed the title of Glendon McCullough, their chief administrative officer from executive secretary to executive director; and approved appointment of a long-range planning committee to chart agency directions for 10 years.

Lengthy debate was sparked by the proposal to open membership on the commission's 10-member Executive Committee to trustees regardless of their place of residence. In the past,

local and area members have comprised the Executive Committee.

Opponents of the proposal were mainly members who live in the Memphis area and who served on the committee. They contended it was poor stewardship to appoint committee members who may have to travel long distances for the quarterly meetings.

Later, during an election from the floor, five local members were elected to serve with four others on the Executive Committee. Smarge, as commission chairman, will serve as chairman of the Executive Committee.

Elected to the committee from the Memphis area were Jerry Glisson, Solon Freeman, William Foote, and E. M. McCance, all of Memphis, and Ralph Lawler of Trenton, Tenn.

Other members chosen included William Hardy Jr. of Kosciusko, Miss., C. L. Bowe of San Jon, N.M.,

Drexel Meyers of Trenton, Mich., and P. A. Stevens of Louisville, Ky.

After a report on an experiment this summer with the four-day work week, the commission authorized moving to a four-day, 36-hour work week for staff employees on a permanent basis.

McCullough, the commission's executive director, emphasized that the agency would be open five days of the week, with a full staff working Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a. m. until 5:30 p. m.; and on Friday with a skeleton crew working from 8:00 a. m. until 4:30 p. m.

The number of holidays for employees was reduced from eight to three as a part of the work plan.

Approving a record operating budget of \$1,210,200, the trustees allocated \$269,755 for administration, \$121,100 for Baptist Men's work, \$155,800 for Royal Ambassador work, \$638,545 for the Service Division, and \$25,000 for debt retirement.

The new budget also provides for the formation of three new departments in the Baptist Men's Division. They are: Baptist young men, lay witnessing, and lay ministries.

Trustees employed James Johnson, a computer specialist from Arlington, Tex., on a part-time basis to direct the new lay ministries department.

They also approved a two-year assignment for SBC Home Mission Board US-2 missionary Anthony Hough to conduct research for a future Baptist young men's department.

The commission voted to sponsor a national men's conference in Dallas, Tex., immediately following the 1974 Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas.

Elected vice chairman of the commission was Glenn Raney, a furniture dealer from Jackson, Tenn., and named recording secretary was Sam Dunbar, a college professor from Gretna, La.

James Coggins of Fort Worth, first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, addressed the trustees at an awards dinner. Jerry Cowder of Yazoo City, Miss., well-known humorist and recording artist, provided entertainment.



Architect's drawing of Lifeway Baptist Book Store to be opened in Jackson Mall.

State's Miss Hospitality At Opening

'Lifeway' Book Store To Open In Mall

Baptists Harassed In Moscow Because They Had USSR Bibles

SAN ANTONIO (RNS) — A Southern Baptist minister, just returned with 46 members of his church from the Soviet Union, charged that the group was "detained, questioned and harassed" by Russian officials when they arrived in Moscow.

He said a 3½-hour "interrogation" was spurred by the fact that each member of the group carried a Russian Bible which they were going to present to members of the Baptist Church in Moscow "as a gesture of Christian love and brotherhood."

Rev. Buckner Fanning, pastor of Trinity Baptist church, San Antonio, was shepherding a singing group from his church called the "Sound Foundation" when the incident occurred.

The Baptist minister pointed out that the Soviet government had repeatedly announced that the exchange of Bibles was a "permissible practice" and that "there is no repression of religion in Russia." Con-

sequently the group made no effort to conceal the Bibles.

Mr. Fanning said one Soviet official told him: "The Bibles will be burned."

In addition, Soviet officials confiscated some of the personal English Bibles belonging to the group, other Christian books, tape recorders and 60 of the new stereo albums cut by the singing group. Most of these items were not returned when the contingent left Russia.

Mr. Fanning declared: "Every Christian in America should be loudly protesting the persecution of Christians now taking place behind the Iron Curtain. To remain silent is to deny both our faith and our brothers who are suffering physical and psychological repression."

He said that while he was in Russia only a short time he learned of many instances of "wholesale denial of basic human rights."

Despite intimidation, Mr. Fanning said, "The Sound Foundation" sang (Continued on page 3)

NASHVILLE — Lifeway, a book store channel to the general public and owned by the Baptist Sunday School Board, will open the first store in its pilot project in Jackson, Miss., on August 26.

This first store is located in Jackson's newest shopping area, Jackson Mall, where there are over 50 other retail businesses. The store will carry books, Bibles, cards, music, and musical instruments and gifts.

"Jackson was selected as the site for our first store because it is a rapidly growing city," explained W. O. Thomason, director of the Sunday School Board's book store division. "We have faith in what is going to take place here and the opportunity for our kind of business. We want to be a part of it."

"Lifeway grew out of the need to have book stores with the Christian message in the middle of the street where the people are found," said Thomason. "For this reason, these stores will be located in high traffic areas."

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Rogers Accepts Bellevue Pastorate

Dr. Adrian Rogers, pastor of First Baptist Church of Merritt Island, Florida, accepted the unanimous call of Bellevue Church, Memphis, on Sunday, August 13, to serve as pastor of that church.

Dr. Rogers preached at the morning service, at the invitation of the 16 member pulpit committee, and at the close of the service, after the preacher had left the sanctuary, the committee recommended that Rogers be called.

Albert Childress, chairman of the pulpit committee said, "There was a wholehearted acceptance and no questions from the audience. The vote of the large congregation was unanimous."

When Dr. Rogers was called back into the service and told of the call, he made a statement of acceptance. According to the report in the Commercial Appeal, he said that he hoped to move to the field by September 10.

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R. G. Lee To Speak

Founders' Day Ready For Mid-America Seminary

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — August 7 —R. G. Lee, three-time president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will head a list of Southern Baptist leaders appearing on the Founders' Days program of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Little Rock, August 23-24.

HMB Commissions Seven Missionaries

GLORIETA — Opening night of Home Missions Week at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center was highlighted by the commissioning of seven missionaries by the Home Mission Board before an audience of over 2300 registered guests.

The seven missionaries were: Glenn and Aletha Field, superintendent of missions, Great Falls, Montana, Jim Pittman, director of Fillmore Community Center, San Francisco, Calif., George and Barbara Torney, pastor-director of First Southern Baptist Church, San Francisco, Calif., and Ed Huron and Edna Polnac, regional missionary to Spanish in Boise, Idaho.

Owen Cooper, of Yazoo City, Miss., layman and newly elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, assisted in the conference "Lay Renewal and Lay Evangelism."

Nightly services featured different ethnic groups, Otis Moss, pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, was the speaker for the Black Ethnic youth of First Baptist Church, El Paso, Texas, directed by Jim Van Hemert, and written by Ed Seabough.

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Mississippians At Cali Meeting

Pictured below is a group of Mississippians who attended the meeting of the Pan American Union of Baptist Men in Cali, Colombia. Included are Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cooper, Tom Raggett, Willis Sutherland, Thomas McGinty, Yazoo City; Dr. and Mrs. J. Clark Hensley, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Eiland, Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Compere, Florence; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McCarty, Taylorsville; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Boggan, Meadville; Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Moore, Gloster; Ronnie Mas-

sey, Meridian; Michael K. Olmsted, Russell; Dr. Charles Melton, Newton; Missionaries Paul E. Roaten, Uruguay; Thomas W. Hill, Publishing House, El Paso; and Rev. James Gilbert, Ecuador. Dr. Hensley served on the program as a conference leader on stewardship, while Mr. Cooper was re-elected as president. Not pictured are Missionary James Redding, Peru, and Gene Triggs, Yazoo City.



Baptists Active As Flood Relief Continues

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Manila, made nearly \$1,000 immediately available for food relief from funds on the field, and asked the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for \$5,000 for additional flood relief.

Members of International Baptist Church in Manila are distributing rice and other food and clothing donated by members to needy families in Manila area churches.

A Manila Baptist youth group, the Baptist Youth Movement for Church (BYMC), is making a Philippine-wide appeal for funds.

Woolmarket Calls Pastor

Rev. David Perry, pictured, recently became pastor of Woolmarket Church, Biloxi. He was formerly pastor of Leaf and Unity in Greene County and Big Level in Stone County.



A graduate of Clarke and William Carey Colleges and New Orleans Seminary, he is married to the former Faye Hennis of Vinegar Bend, Ala.

Woolmarket gave the Perrys a pounding in welcoming them to the new field of service.

In Baguio City, members of the Aurora Hill Baptist Church set up a rescue and evacuation center in their church after a landslide near the church which claimed the lives of at least 22 persons. It is feared the casualty list will be higher as digging continues for victims or possible survivors.

Thus far, no Baptist church members have been among those reported killed in the landslides or drowned in the floodwaters, but there are many outlying mission points and churches which have not yet been heard from.

The church building at Castillo, a barrio north of Clark Field, was reported destroyed by floods. But Smith said he had been told that the people there were experiencing a revival in the midst of the flood.

"The people are really praying," he said, "and many are expressing repentance. Some feel that the Lord has sent this flood for some reason."

Missionary Calvin Fox of Cabanatuan City said that in Capas, Tarlac, the Baptist church was the only building strong enough to withstand the force of floodwaters caused by a shift in the channel of the Urdaneta River. In Tarlac City, several Baptist families have been forced to evacuate their homes and are living in the church building.

In Dagupan City, on the Lingayen Gulf, missionaries Ed and Audrey

Gordon reported that floodwaters reached knee level in their home and also rose to about 18 inches in the Dagupan Baptist Church.

Mrs. Gordon said the waters there have subsided now, but they have had no reports from several outlying chapels.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mis-

sion Board in Richmond has responded to the Philippine flood disaster by approving a request from missionaries for \$5,000 in refunds.

Missionaries are already helping with distribution of food to flood victims, according to Robert N. Nash, Southern Baptist missionary in Cebu, the Philippines.

Flood Victims Tell Awesome Story Of Philippine Slides

By Richard C. Henderson

BAGUIO CITY, Philippines (BP)—It was 6:30 a. m. when Rose, affectionately called the "Bible woman" of Aurora Hill Baptist Church here, was dramatically awakened from a flu-induced, restless attempt at sleep.

An awesome, terror-producing rumble replaced the usual alarm clock that usually awakens the petite "Bible woman."

Making her way to the window, she gazed transfixed at a shock-producing scene not 50 feet away. Seven multi-storied houses were sliding down the monsoon-soaked slope of Aurora Hill.

Rose tried to cry out when she saw one family calmly sitting at the breakfast table window while the hillside came down. But there was no sound.

Up the hill, Mr. Mendoza had also been sleeping restlessly. His house was sitting precariously on the hill's steep slope, and he knew that three weeks of relentless rainfall had eroded the earth from around the foundation.

Mendoza's attention, however, was riveted upon three youths crying for unavailable help. When the slide ended, Mendoza, an active Christian layman, scrambled to the spot where the young people were last seen before being swallowed by the murky mass of mud, water and debris.

Because of such presence of mind, two of the youth were removed alive by the hurriedly assembled neighborhood rescue squad.

A short distance away, Pastor and Mrs. Samuel Comins also heard and responded. They saw rooftops engulfed with mud where once three-story buildings housed 80 to 100 inhabitants.

The pastor jumped into the ravine-filled mass of destruction and spent the day in the tragic pursuit of the landslide victims.

His frail wife, drenched with the flood waters, busied herself with carrying soggy belongings to the church for later use, gathering survivors into the rapidly-filling church building, and taking welcomed coffee to the expanding rescue force.

The strategically located Aurora Hill Church immediately became a disaster center, where the believers and other volunteers were attempting to feed from 100 to 150 rescue workers and evacuees.

Help came from varied sources: university youth, city officials, firemen, police, American servicemen, concerned neighbors, distraught relatives.

Relief operations coordinated by the little congregation were complicated by continuous torrential rains, coupled with the total lack of drinking water, electricity and emergency funds.

At least one relief worker was injured. One young rescuer was taken to the hospital for a seriously-cut leg, injured while he frantically was digging to find his father buried in a sea of mud.

The driver who took the young man to the hospital, a Christian, sought to tell the injured man and his companion of the love of Jesus Christ. Ironically, the driver discovered he had been in the house of the accompanying youth on several occasions — a house that miraculously had been sheared in half, leaving intact the section where the inhabitants were sleeping.

As in any natural tragedy, conversation in the midst of the church fellowship hall packed with soaked and tired rescue workers turned often to that perplexing question: why? Why did 188 inches of rain deluge Baguio during July? Why were some spared, others killed?

Among some of the superstitious Filipinos, superficial answers came easy: the theft of the Santo Nino, a small statue of the child Jesus from a Manila church, with the resulting angry retribution of God; or the fulfillment of some sects' prophecies.

CIGARETTE consumption rose 3.3 percent last year, despite year's ban on TV and radio advertising. Cigarette producers spent 30 percent less on advertising last year. When Congress banned cigarette ads on the air, most stations stopped running anti-smoking commercials. U. S. Department of Agriculture cites this as main reason for year's increase in smoking. Bruce Wilson, deputy assistant U. S. Attorney General, told a Senate subcommittee that the public interest might better be served by resuming cigarette commercials and requiring stations to run significant number of anti-smoking commercials.

Astronaut James Irwin Plans Religious Broadcasting Effort

HOUSTON (BP) — Former Apollo 15 astronaut James B. Irwin announced plans here to participate in radio and television programs through the Southern Baptist Radio-Television Commission in addition to his worldwide religious activities through his new independent organization, High Flight, Inc.

At a news conference here, Irwin, accompanied by Paul Stevens, executive director of the SBC Radio-TV Commission, said he would begin orientation Sept. 1 at the commission's Fort Worth office in religious broadcasting.

Irwin was also flanked in the news conference by William Rittenhouse, who is resigning as pastor of Nassau Bay Baptist Church here to serve as High Flight's vice president. Irwin is the commission's president.

The "first Southern Baptist" to walk on the moon said High Flight's itinerary includes a four-week Asian trip for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in October.

He said he will be used by many organizations, such as the Wycliffe Bible Translators, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and Campus Crusade for Christ, to spread his Christian witness.

Irwin said High Flight will eventually incorporate other personalities who have a Christian message to share and will develop a conference center at its headquarters in Colorado Springs for deeper examination of how the Christian faith applies to daily life.

He said he has given himself "a year to two" to determine whether he will continue fulltime with High Flight.

The 42-year-old "moon missionary" said he will also become a part-time trainee of the Denver-based Johns Manville Corp., and will represent the manufacturer around the world as his High Flight commitments permit.

Asked by reporters about his role in the controversial sale of moon envelopes, Irwin reiterated statements to Baptist Press carried in late July by the national wire services.

Irwin told Baptist Press that he and astronauts David Scott and Al Worden "were wrong" to carry souvenir stamped envelopes to the moon for sale later to establish a trust fund for their children.

"A spiritual encounter with God on the moon played a major part in my individual decision to refuse my share" of the proceeds, he said.

He noted that all three astronauts had decided late in the fall of 1971 that it would be wrong to profit from the envelopes, and backed out of the arrangement.

Stevens said in an interview that the envelope deal will have no effect on Irwin's relationship with the SBC Radio and Television Commission.

"I've interviewed him and gotten to know him well," Stevens said. "The man is human, subject to human mistakes and knows the experience of God's forgiveness."

"I feel that Jim Irwin's kind of ministry can be shared redemptively with the sinful world around us," Stevens said.

Earlier, Irwin told Baptist Press, he doesn't feel his mistake will hinder his ministry through High Flight. "I hope it will open up opportunities for me to relate meaningfully to others who have also made human mistakes and need God's love and forgiveness," he said.

Irwin said the High Flight logo will be a globe with vertical and horizontal orbits joined by the cross of Jesus. The vertical orbit represents, he said, the mutual search between God and man and the horizontal orbit represents man's outreach to other men.

The name High Flight, he said, was inspired by a poem of the same name by John Gillespie Magee, Jr., a pilot in World War II.



EARTH MISSION

Three Southern Baptists examine the stylized logo of High Flight, Inc., new organization for worldwide Christian ministries established by former Astronaut James Irwin, right. Ministries through High Flight will include religious programming through the Southern Baptist Radio & Television Commission. With Irwin, left to right, are Paul Stevens, executive director of the Radio & Television Commission, and William Rittenhouse, Irwin's pastor at Nassau Bay Baptist Church, Houston. Rittenhouse will resign to serve as High Flight's vice president. (BP Photo by Robert O'Brien)

Christian Booksellers Report Gains In 1972

CINCINNATI (RNS) — Cassette tape producers and libraries were represented for the first time at the Christian Booksellers Association convention this year, reflecting the growing popularity of this medium among evangelical publishers.

The 173 booksellers who sponsored 342 booths at this year's gathering here reported that their sales increased sharply over those in 1971, although specific figures were not yet available.

At the 1972 convention, 582 independent Christian bookstores were represented, an increase from last year's 523. On the eve of the 23rd annual gathering of the Association, Executive Vice-President John Bass reported that 60 new stores have joined during the past year, bringing the total membership near 1,200.

THANK-YOU FOR LIFE

THANK YOU LORD FOR LETTING ME BE ALIVE TODAY.

I LIKE TO TRY TO HELP IN MANY WAYS.

THANK-YOU FOR MY FAMILY,

WE DO LIVE QUITE HAPPILY.

WE ALWAYS PLAY TOGETHER.

OH! THANK-YOU FOR THE SUNSHINE WEATHER.

IT'S JUST WONDERFUL TO BE ALIVE!



A Poem For Life

CARMICHAEL, Calif. — The poignant poem, written by nine-year-old Tami Hogan, was found the day after she died of leukemia. For two years her family and teacher kept the illness a secret from her. But her teacher in Carmichael, Calif., Sister Mary Carton, said "she knew something was wrong" adding that she was a "little girl who loved life." The poem expresses that. (RNS Photo)

Adrian Rogers Accepts Bellevue Pastorate - - -

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Rogers, who is 40, is a native of Florida and attended Stetson University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. While in the seminary he served for a period as pastor of the Waveland Baptist Church, at Waveland on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi.

Rogers was described by the pulpit committee as a "biblically conservative, evangelistic" preacher, who has had outstanding success in his present pastorate, where he has served for about eight or nine years. Four

of the past five years, the church, has led the state of Florida in baptisms in Baptist churches, according to reports.

Rogers is married, and has four children ranging in age from 10 to 18. Rogers succeeds Dr. Ramsey Pollard who served as pastor of Bellevue Church for about 10 years, and who retired last May. Preceding Dr. Pollard was the pastorate of Dr. Robert G. Lee, which lasted more than 30 years.

Bellevue is one of the largest, if not the largest, SBC churches east of the Mississippi River.

'Lifeway' Book Store To Open In Mall

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The pilot project approved by the Sunday School Board trustees last summer authorized the opening of two Lifeway stores. Negotiations are underway in selecting the second site.

"This test will include a selected inventory designed to help people with the problem they face daily, to help them grow, to help them enjoy a quality way of life, and to help them as they help others find a better life," said Thomason.

"Although this is a store for the general public, our merchandise is unapologetically Christian. This is not an effort to get away from the mission of Baptist Book Stores, but to reach more people with our message through merchandising," Thomason pointed out.

He expressed the belief that the stores will be appealing to all people. The physical layout of Lifeway is designed to give customers the feeling that life is full of hope, joy, expectancy. The merchandise is well organized, easy to find and attractively displayed.

The store contains approximately 2,000 square feet, of floor space. The corner entrances have sliding doors which, when open, give the effect of having almost two sides of the store open to mall traffic. The store's symbol, the figure of a man in a red triangle, is set in title in the entrance. Display windows along the side wall are in the triangular shape of the symbol. However, the shape does not block the view of the store and people passing by will find "window-shopping" easy.

The official ribbon cutting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Several

special guests will be present to autograph books and meet customers.

Miss Deborah Karls, Mississippi's Miss Hospitality, will be present for the opening, according to Charles Clark, manager of the present Jackson store.

Carl McIntire, Sunday editor of the Clarion-Ledger and Jackson Daily News, and Bob Moulder, director of public information for Mississippi State University, will be in the store on Saturday to autograph books they have authored: Shrines to Yesterday, Shrines to Valor, and Shrines to Tomorrow.

FOUR HOLES drilled in the Kotel Katan (Little Wall) of Herod's western wall in Jerusalem brought this comment from N. David Gross, an editorial writer in the Jerusalem Post: "The Holy City was destroyed because of our sins. God expended his wrath, it is said, on wood and stone, vicariously for Israel itself, because He is merciful. The stones were pulled down and the city desolated, but Israel survived. Perhaps we can take this accident to the Wall as a token of the wrath that can consume a people when it gives up its regard for the sanctity of human life." (This was a reference to Israel's mounting highway fatality rate: 71 deaths in the first six weeks of 1972.—Ed.)

Flat-proof tires are predicted for the family car by 1984. A cellular foam inflation material, now used in industrial applications, could be the forerunner of a material to replace air in tires, according to the Good-year Tire & Rubber Co.



Horner



Long



McClesky

Three From State Graduate In New Orleans

Three persons with Mississippi connections completed degree requirements at New Orleans Seminary during the summer session, 1972: Robert William Horner, pastor, Arlington Heights Church, Pascagoula, Th.M., Charles P. Long, pastor, First Church, Mississippi City, Specialist in Education degree; Gerald W. McClesky, minister of music and youth, Calvary Church, West Point, Diploma in Church Music.

Mrs. Robinson Recovering From Accidental Burns

On July 17, during WMU Week at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Mrs. L.E. ("Miss Prudence") Robinson, of Jackson, mother of Miss Edwina Robinson, received burns on both feet and both hips when scalding hot water poured into the bathtub in which she was sitting. Mrs. Robinson had remained in her room during the morning session and was getting ready for Miss Ed and Mrs. James Parker to come back in time for lunch. After she was burned, she managed to get out of the tub and over to her bed where she remained until she was found by her daughter and Mrs. Parker at the close of the morning worship session.

Mrs. Robinson was taken immediately to a Santa Fe hospital and treated for the burns. On Friday of that week, Miss Ed drove her mother to a relative's home in Dallas; and the following Sunday, relatives from Jackson went to Dallas in a camper and brought Mrs. Robinson to the Baptist Hospital in Jackson.

On August 8, Mrs. Robinson had surgery at Baptist Hospital and extensive skin grafting was done on both feet and both hips to aid in the healing of the burns. The burns proved to be more serious than the doctors in Santa Fe or even the doctors in Jackson realized at first.

Mrs. Robinson is in Room 4039 at Baptist Hospital, Jackson.

Ridgeland Church Experiences A Summer Surge

"There is much excitement in the air as the Ridgeland Church continues to experience growth in every phase of its ministry," reports Pastor Jerry Odom, who attributes the growth to four areas of emphasis.

First is the Lay Evangelism Program. Last March the church conducted a Lay Evangelism School. As a result, they now have 15-20 persons going out each week to witness house-to-house.

Second is the Summer Sunday School Surge Program. During May the pastor challenged the Sunday School to have at least their average attendance since last October (250) plus one for each department and class. Their goal for the summer is 271. Their average attendance for June was 300 and for July 360, compared to last year's 150. Enrollment is now 540. July's attendance was 275, 301, 325, 390, 504.

Third is the Church Bus Evangelism Program. Twelve weeks ago the church began with two buses. In six weeks the buses had a high of 71. Three weeks ago a third bus route was begun. On July 30 these three buses brought 162.

Fourth is the Church Revival Program. The church has been in a continuous spiral of growth and revival for the past year. Prior to the recent revival, 40 had been baptized and 55 received by letter. A team from Total Evangelistic Concepts led the week's revival services. There were five members on the team — an evangelist, Ray Sadler; music leader and his wife, The Singing Barretts; Organist, Horace Mathis; and a youth evangelist, Cary Bates. Seminars were held three times a day, at 6 a.m., 9 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. for the men, women, and youth on the subject of Reproductive Evangelism. Sunday School and Church Bus Evangelism Seminars were also held. The evangelistic services were held at 7:30 p.m. The church's auditorium will seat 325. Attendance never fell below 400. Two overflow rooms and the nursery were equipped to receive closed-circuit T.V. There were 71 professions of faith, 16 transfers of membership, and scores of rededications.

"Only the weeks and months ahead will show the real impact of God's Holy Spirit Power," states the pastor. "But one thing is for sure, the congregation at Ridgeland Church has a vision. A Miracle Day Rally has been set for the last Sunday in October. The goal is to have 800 in Sunday School."

"Experience teachers that men govern nothing with more difficulty than their tongues." — Fred W. Brown. The Bergen (N. J.) Citizen.



Some members of the Chapel Choir at Broadmoor, Jackson, will portray Pilgrims next Monday night in "The Promised Land."

Broadmoor Musical To Depict America As "Promised Land"

An original music drama, "The Promised Land," will be presented by the music ministry of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, Sunday, August 20, and Monday, August 21, both performances to begin at 7:30 p. m. in the church sanctuary. "The Promised Land" will involve approximately 150 people. Special musical numbers and a wide variety of methods of dramatic presentations have been written into the script, including live drama, posed scenes, the use of slides and taped voices.

A committee of seven ladies took the seed of the idea for such a program and developed it over a period of several months into the exciting presentation to be seen next Sunday and Monday evenings. The ladies worked independently at first, researching and putting on paper the development and the history of America. Then the process of compilation was begun, selecting the people, material and events that would best present America as a "promised land" — the recipient of God's choicest blessings. Also to be shown would be the fulfilling of His promises to people through the ages to give them a land in which to dwell.

Director of the production is Mrs. Ed. Hamilton. Mrs. Kerry Grantham is directing the music. Accompanists will be Margaret Frazier and Mrs. John Clower. Bennie Frizzell is the

narrator and featured in leading role will be Jerry White as George Washington, Kerry Grantham as Benjamin Franklin, Danny Sartin as Abraham Lincoln.

Writers of the script were Mrs. James Fancher, Mrs. James Tadlock, Mrs. Ed Hamilton, Mrs. Ted Warren, Mrs. Clyde McLeod, Mrs. Jerry White and Mrs. Kerry Grantham.

The public is invited.

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night service. Speaking of man's inconsistency and lack of maturity, Moss said, "I've never seen a rose more to the suburbs because a daisy moved next door. I've never seen one bird quit singing because another bird joined the choir. Only people do these things."

American Indians led in the Saturday evening services. Dr. Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer, Home Mission Board, delivered the Sunday morning message. Sunday evening featured a "missions fair and worship service led by Oriental Americans." Latin Americans were in charge of the Monday evening meeting.

Concluding the nightly services was the premiere performance of the Home Missions Musical, "Joy" by the

Mr. Abrams To Teach New Course In Church Music At MDJC

An introductory course in Church Music is being planned for the fall semester as part of the evening college curriculum to be offered by Mississippi Delta Junior College in Moorhead, according to Joe Robert Abrams, MDJC Fine Arts Department Chairman.

The course is designed to serve individuals involved in part-time positions as church music directors, particularly those who have had little or no opportunity for formal training in music.

The course will cover basic voice and vocal methods, fundamentals and theory, arranging for various vocal groupings as might be found in smaller church choirs; basic conducting, methods for various groups including changing voice, and basic hymnology. In succeeding semesters, many of these areas will be covered in more depth as demand warrants.

The course will be non-denominational, but it will be oriented to Protestant-type of programs, for the present.

Primary instructor for the course will be Fine Arts Chairman Abrams. Mr. Abrams' background includes a B. S. in Ed. from Mississippi College; A.M. Ed. from the University of Southern Mississippi, and a Master of Music degree from the University of Mississippi. In addition, Mr. Abrams has done graduate work in church music at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served in a full-time capacity as a minister of music and as an associate in the church music department of the Florida Baptist Convention. He will be assisted by various consultants during the course.

Persons interested in further information about the new church music course should contact Mr. Abrams by writing to him at the college, or by calling Moorhead. The telephone number is 246-5511.

Moves To Tennessee

Rev. Clyde H. Wroten has resigned as pastor of Plymouth Church, Columbus to accept a call from Macedonia Church, Ripley, Tennessee. The church at Macedonia has already let the contract to erect a new church building and install new furniture.

The church at Plymouth experienced considerable growth during 3 1/2 years of Mr. Wroten's pastorate. There were 34 additions by baptism and several additions by letter; one surrendered to the ministry. The church building was brick-veneered. The interior of the auditorium was carpeted, remodeled, and new-colored glass windows installed. A new, lighted church sign was erected. A concrete slab was poured on the play grounds, and the tennis court lighted to be used at night.

The church experienced an unusual revival among the youth of the church. The church called Robert Gillis as director of music and youth.



Miss Jacquelyn Mooty, student physical therapist from Arkansas State, gets a lesson in using the physical therapy department's new circulator machine from Chief Physical Therapist, Jim Wilkerson.

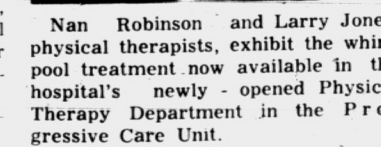
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in the hotels and restaurants of Moscow and Leningrad and the minister himself spoke in the Moscow Baptist church recently visited by President Nixon.

He said the group was warmly received by the Russian people and a large crowd waited outside the Baptist church to "greet and welcome their American visitors" and "hear Christian young people sing."

Mr. Fanning and the singing group left Moscow for Warsaw where they



Nan Robinson and Larry Jones, physical therapists, exhibit the whirlpool treatment now available in the hospital's newly opened Physical Therapy Department in the Progressive Care Unit.

Ad Wanting To Buy Church Gets Best Possible Results

PROVIDENCE, R. I. (BP)—For five days, Providence Baptist Church here ran an advertisement in the real estate section of a newspaper here headlined, "Wanted to Buy — A Church."

After no response, Pastor Marion Hayes thought they had spent \$13.30 in vain, and the congregation would have to continue meeting in a hotel instead of their own building.

Shortly after the ad was cancelled, a woman called to ask if they still needed to "hire a house." When Hayes explained his congregation's needs, she said without identifying herself, "Oh, you're Southern Baptist. You'll probably do then." She said she'd call back.

Three weeks later, she did. Mrs. Arthur Carlson, a member of Parkside Community Church, said she had talked to the trustees of her church who favored some arrangement between the two congregations.

She said the church had prayed that God would show them some way they could continue the ministry of their church, and that the possibility of the Baptist church taking up a ministry in their community seemed to answer their prayers.

Visiting the church, Hayes found the facilities ideal for his 54-member



PROVIDENCE, R. I. — Marion Hayes talks with Miss Emily Paine, charter member of Parkside Community Church, now Parkside Providence Baptist Church. She is a direct descendant of Baptist pioneer, Roger Williams.

congregation. There were 10 active members of Parkside, almost all in their 70's and 80's.

After joint services, the Parkside church voted unanimously to "turn the building over to you, lock, stock and barrel," said Mrs. Carlson. Parkside even included the \$4,200 in the church treasury.

Suspended somewhere between ecstasy and shock, Hayes and his congregation moved into the new Parkside Providence Baptist Church, bringing most of the membership of both churches together.

Mrs. Carlson later told Hayes that the first person to see the ad was Miss Emily Paine, 88, a direct descendant of Baptist pioneer Roger Williams.

Hayes and members of the church are convinced that it pays to advertise.



Brotherhood Awards

Three program personalities examine awards for presentation at a dinner during the annual meeting of the trustees of the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis. They are (from left) Glendon McCullough, executive director of the agency; James Coggin of Fort Worth, Texas, first vice president, SBC who spoke; and Jerry Clower of Yazoo City, recording humorist who gave a monolog.—Brotherhood Commission Photo by Dana Driver

To Preach On Birthday

Dr. W. R. Haynie of Jackson is to preach at the morning services at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, on August 27. Dr. Haynie at that time will celebrate his 82nd birthday. He has made his residence in Jackson since his retirement in 1960. He held several pastorates in Mississippi and was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Gretna, Louisiana for some thirty years prior to his retirement. On Aug. 27 Dr. Haynie will be honored by his family with a luncheon in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robert W. King.

THEY CHOSE TO LIVE:

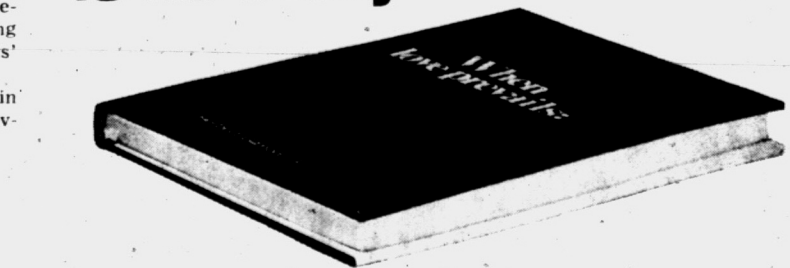
The Racial Agony of an American Church
J. Herbert Gilmore, Jr.

"Here is a book which presents the tragic story of a church radically divided on the issue of racial integration. All of the sorrowful and sordid things that can happen in a church where two factors square off on the issue of race in the deep South is graphically recorded. A blow by blow description of the struggle between those who insist upon a racially inclusive congregation and those who oppose it is described from tape recordings and first-hand witnesses. One is encouraged by the fact that when the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, Alabama did split, the leadership of the church withdrew to form a racially inclusive church. This reflects the changing attitude of church members toward their black brothers in 'the heart of Dixie.' Every pastor and layman could profit by reading this volume. It may well serve as a means of preventing the recurrence of such a tragedy in their own congregation."

—Henlee Barnette
Professor of Christian Ethics
The Southern Baptist
Theological Seminary.
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Hospital Expands Physical Therapy Unit

Mississippi Baptist Hospital is expanding its physical therapy unit and has established a new clinical affiliation program in physical therapy.

Larry Jones, of Forest, Miss., a recent graduate in physical therapy from Georgia State University in Atlanta, has been added to the hospital's physical therapy unit.

He joins Jim L. Wilkerson, the hospital's chief physical therapist, and Wilkerson said plans are in the making for a third physical therapist to join the unit later this year.

In another expansion move, the physical therapy department, located in the main hospital, has set up a second unit in the hospital's Progressive Care Unit.

The new clinical affiliation links Mississippi Baptist Hospital and Ar-

kansas State College in Conway, Ark., affiliated with Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock, Ark.

Graduating physical therapy students at Conway spend one month in a different hospital or medical institution for four consecutive months as they complete their studies.

"They have ten or twelve institutions from which to select the four they will work in," said Wilkerson, "so we will not automatically get all the students in this program."

First students from Arkansas to spend a month with the physical therapy unit at Mississippi Baptist Hospital were Jim Carpenter, Harrison, Ark., and Mike Schrueth, Billings, Montana.

"Mississippi Baptist Hospital has a good reputation in physical therapy," said Carpenter, "and the department is considered to be a leader in this field in the South."

Schrueth said he selected Mississippi Baptist Hospital because "I want the best experience I can get — and, besides, I wanted to see what Mississippi is like."

They were followed by Richard Ortiz, of Los Angeles; Gene Morris, of Billings, Montana; and Miss Jacquelyn Mooty, of Little Rock, Ark., and Springfield, Missouri.

"The arrangement is on an open basis," said Wilkerson, "so new students will continue to come here for a month of work toward their Bachelor of Science degree in physical therapy."



Walthall To Mark 100th Year

Walthall Church, Walthall, will observe its one hundredth anniversary on August 2, Sunday school on that day will be at 1 and the morning service at 10:45. Rev. J. B. Middleton and Rev. Jim H. Sherman, former pastors of the church, will participate in the service with Middleton bringing the morning message. A covered dish lunch will be served at the church. "All who can come, and especially all former members, have a special invitation to attend," said Rev. William S. Weddle, pastor.

Clarke In Top Twenty In Number Of Student Summer Missionaries

Information just released by the Home Mission Board, SBC, reveals that Clarke College ranks among the top twenty schools in the nation in the number of summer student missionaries sent under the auspices of the Home Mission Board.

Baptist Student Union Director J. B. Costlow points out that Clarke is the ONLY two-year college making the top twenty recognition and that the college ranks seventh among Baptist colleges and fourteenth among all colleges in the number of students sent from each campus. Clarke was one of only two Mississippi schools making the listing.

In addition to the ten students presently concluding their summer mission activities, two others from Clarke are serving in Montana under the direction of the Mississippi-Montana program, and still another is serving under sponsorship of her local church.

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EDITORIAL

Survey Of Church Staff Salaries

The current issue of the Louisiana Baptist journal, *The Baptist Message*, carries one of the most comprehensive studies of church staff salaries we ever have seen.

It is a report of a study made by a special laymen's committee acting for the Louisiana Baptist Convention, and is presented in four pages in the publication, giving summaries, tables, graphs and drawings, all of which are used to show just where Southern Baptists (in Louisiana) are, in the matter of compensation for church staff members, and recommending what should be done about it.

Even though space does not allow us to publish the complete report, we do want to summarize the recommendations, which, of course, merely are suggested guidelines for the churches to consider. Churches always make the final decisions as to what they shall pay staff members. The recommendations given are for the pastors. Salaries of other staff members should be considered in relation to these.

The committee classifies churches according to membership and makes suggestions as to what the minimum salaries and other compensation should be for each size church.

Up to 150 resident members — Basic salary, \$6,000; retirement (10%) \$600;

Insurance (Social security, hospitalization, etc.), \$942; Housing (Pastor or rental allowance) \$2000; Auto expense, \$1,200; Convention expense (pastor and wife) \$300; Total, \$9,544.

In the remaining summaries we list the suggested basic salary first, and the total compensation to be broken up as above, second.

Churches with 150-300 resident members, \$7,500; \$11,678.

Churches with 300-750 resident members: \$9,000, \$13,738.

Churches with 750 to 1250 resident members: \$11,000, \$16,673.

Churches with 1,250 to 2,000 resident members: \$14,000, \$21,042.

Churches with 2,000 to 3,000 resident members, \$17,000, \$24,913.

Churches with over 3000 members: \$20,000, \$28,784.

The Committee says in its conclusion, "In making their recommendations, members of this laymen's committee made what they felt was an appraisal which will (a) overcome many of the deficiencies which exist today in our church compensation schedules, and (b) will look to the future to prevent a serious breakdown in the churches' ability to support their program and meet the needs of loyal staff members as the levels of economy change."

"The Committee, after prayerful deliberation, elected to include basic minimum standards in its recommendations, for many felt that individual churches would appreciate guidelines."

We hope Mississippi churches will take a careful look at these suggested minimums and compare their own program with them, heeding the suggestion which SBC Convention President, Owen Cooper, made in a recent Record, urging deacons to consider whether they were paying the pastor and other staff members enough.

Of course, every church must make its own decision in these matters, but we believe that our churches want to adequately support their staff members.

People Search

Hundreds of our churches in the state are right now engaged in a "people search." Others already have made this search, or will be doing it within the next few weeks.

August is "People Search" or survey time, in the Sunday School enlargement program which is being promoted by the convention, and participated in by the churches and the associations.

Hundreds of thousands of people in Mississippi are not in Sunday school and church. Mississippi Baptists now are trying to find all of them and get them on prospect lists.

Many thousands of these would come to Baptist churches if they went anywhere, and if they were invited and a place was made for them.

Every church in the state can have an increase in Sunday school this fall, simply by finding the prospects now.

This is the old principle of Sunday school building which first was promoted by Arthur Flake and others who led in development of the great Southern Baptist Sunday School program. At that time the "people search" was called a "census." That is what we are doing: finding the people and finding out if they are prospects.

Every church in the state is interested in people, so every church should be participating in this great state wide search. If your church is not already in the program, it is not too late. If you can't get ready in August, then do it in September. The important thing is to do it, and find the people, and then set out to reach them for the Sunday School and the church, and, of course, above all, for Christ.



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THE BAPTIST FORUM

State Papers Aid In Sending Workers To Nebraska

Dear Dr. Odle:

Early in February I wrote your paper and thirteen other Southern Baptist state papers with a plea for help. In the last six months, God has worked mightily through the influence of the Baptist state newspapers. My plea in February was for several categories of Christian workers who would come to our state and find secular work. We invited ministers who would come, find employment, and begin a new church from scratch in a city that had no Southern Baptist witness. We invited men called in the field of religious education to come and to assist a weak, struggling church.

Over 120 persons wrote from eighteen states across the nation. Two new missions have already begun and the prospects of another four beginning in 1972 is quite probable. Three pastorless churches now have pastors as a result of the response. Four weak church congregations now have volunteer staff help as a result of the article. Letters continue to come in weekly of those interested in serving in Nebraska. Over twenty people have visited Nebraska in regard to serving here since the letter first appeared.

We praise God for His graciousness in sending his ministers to Nebraska. We thank your state paper for the role it played in helping these men find a place of service for their lives.

C. Burt Potter, Jr.
Area Missionary
Nebraska Baptist Associations
9353 Corky St.
Omaha, Nebraska 68134

Thanks Mississippi For Sharing Her Daughters

Dear Sir:

I would like to thank the whole Mississippi Baptist Convention for the joy that was ours this summer as a direct result of the summer missionaries that we had in our home and church. Susan Langston and Josanne Ellis may be equalled in years to come as far as summer workers go, but they can never be topped. (I doubt they can be equalled, too!) If no one else has spoken for these two girls next year and they are available next year I would like to say that the Hamilton Baptist Church would like to have them back and the Wallaces want them in our home.

Has anyone ever considered a trophy for parents of girls like these? Obviously someone special had a hand in the molding of these lives and personalities. They deserve something I think. All we can offer is our heartfelt thanks for the time and effort they must have expended in producing such wonderful Christian daughters.

Sincerely and with a great deal of affection for Mississippi Baptists,
Mrs. Mannon (Helen) Wallace
Hamilton, Montana

"A Day In The Life Of Colonel James Irwin"

Dear Editor:

Sunday, July 23, 1972, I spent with James Irwin in Panama. We arose for an 8:30 breakfast with home missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Perez. The schedule began at 9:45 at the First Baptist (Spanish) in Panama City, where James Irwin gave his testimony.

At 10:45 a. m. Colonel Irwin gave his testimony at Emmanuel Baptist Church (English), at 11:30 a. m. he spoke at the Jordan Baptist Church (English) and at 11:45 a. m. he spoke again at the New Hope Baptist Church (English).

At 2:30 p. m. he was met at the hotel by Chaplain Bill Smith to be taken by helicopter across the Isthmus for a 4 o'clock meeting in the chapel at Fort Gulick. At 8 o'clock he concluded the day's activities, speaking for the sixth time at a rally in the

A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

At our house we have a cute little poodle puppy. Because she is barely beige and has not been given the conventional poodle haircut, she looks like a self-propelled dustmop. We began calling her "Dustmop." The boys decided that such a name, even when spelled *Dustmoppe*, was really insulting to this registered animal which had been a gift from friends, so they shortened the name to "Dusty."

When Dusty was first with us, I kept her at arm's length — I've never been the "inside - house - dog" kind of mother. We'd had a faithful family dog — the yard kind — for 13½ years. Her death this past winter was a time of mourning for our entire family. Not only had I decided I wouldn't become attached to another pet, I wasn't too elated about the necessity of Dusty's living in.

Dusty must have sensed my feelings because she seemed to have as her one aim in life to win me over. It took her possibly 24 hours to accomplish her goal. She even joined me when I sat down at the piano and began to play and sing. If you have never seen a poodle cock her head and sing along, you have missed one more appealing sight.

Last week we were leaving home for a week and would take Dusty with us. As we left in the car, the puppy climbed up on my shoulder to be able to see out. I said to James, "You know, I used to think ladies with poodles on their shoulders were snobs. That's another prejudice I'll have to get rid of, isn't it?"

Being there yourself is the best aid to understanding I know about.

Knowledge humbles great men, astonishes the common man, and puffs up the little man.

Cafetorium in the Curundu Junior High School in the Canal Zone.

Some of these meetings were small, some large; some in air conditioned places, some in oppressively hot and humid places; some in Spanish, some in English. Due to such a full schedule we were pressed for time. Colonel Irwin was always overpressed for autographs, but at no time was there complaint of heat, of the tight schedule, of small crowds, of street noises, of the noise of overhead jets, or of so many things that cause many of us to become impatient or critical.

James Irwin spoke each time in a calm, relaxed manner; telling of his spiritual pilgrimage and his encounter with God.

After this full, busy day, I became convinced that James Irwin is an earnest, sincere, humble, God-seeking, God-serving man. He is not perfect, but he serves a Perfect Master; he has made mistakes but his Saviour forgives all men of their mistakes; he wants to tell men what God has done for him — a mission more important than that of Apollo 15.

Owen Cooper, President, SBC
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Pastoral Civic Leadership

Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of First Baptist Church, New Orleans has been selected to receive the New Orleans "Times-Picayune Loving Cup" for 1971, in recognition of his civic and spiritual leadership in the city.

The Times Picayune, New Orleans daily newspaper, in announcing the presentation, says, "The award, established in 1901, is for outstanding unselfish service to New Orleans without hope or expectation of material reward. Its recipients are citizens who have made substantial contributions to welfare, or improving the community, whose only expected compensation was the satisfaction of work well done for the benefit of his or her fellow-citizens."

In making the citation the committee salutes Dr. Grey as "a dedicated man of the cloth, but transcending that he has been an exemplary moral force for good in our city and state. His energetic and effective participation and leadership in civic affairs has been outstanding. Thus his devotion to God,

his county and fellow - citizens has reached far beyond his own congregation."

There is much more to the citation, which reveals just how a preacher can be a pastor and builder of a great church, and at the same time accept responsibility as a civic and moral leader in his community.

Those of us who know J. D. Grey, know how he has put the Lord and his work first in his ministry, and how he never has allowed anything to displace that responsibility. Few men in this generation have given greater church and denominational leadership and service. At the same time, however, he found the time to become a part of the life of his city, and has by his influence and work made it a greater city. He is an example to all preachers, showing how they can build for God, not only in the strictly spiritual area, but also in other areas of responsible citizenship.

We congratulate Dr. Grey on this honor which has come from his fellow citizens.

NEWEST BOOKS

New Book Tells The Story Of Theodosia Lowrey, Now 103

THEODOSIA, GIFT OF GOD by Sara Lowrey (Carlton Press, New York, \$3, 80 pp.) This is the fascinating story of the first hundred years in the life of a woman who on August 10 was 103, a woman whose first name means "gift of God." It is the story of Theodosia Searcy Lowrey, daughter of the third editor of the Baptist Record and widow of a pastor-professor-college president. Her husband, W. T. Lowrey, was at different times president of Blue Mountain College (twice), Mississippi College, Hillman College, Gulf Coast Military Academy, and Clarke College.

The life of Mrs. Lowrey is written by her daughter, Blue Mountain graduate, Sara, who before her retirement was professor of speech and chairman of the department of speech at Furman University, Greenville, S. C. Mother and daughter live together in Greenville.

With warmth, love, wit, devotion, and skill, Miss Lowrey has drawn an appealing and highly readable picture of her mother's life, beginning with her birth on a large farm in Arkansas. Nostalgia sweeps the reader as he goes back to a bygone era.

Theodosia Searcy, daughter of J. B. Searcy, enrolled at Blue Mountain Female Institute when she was 15. A year later W. T. Lowrey became president of the school, and the following year married Theodosia.

Having lived through the astounding changes of the past century, Mrs. Lowrey has adjusted well to the changes. At the age of 67, she received her Master of Arts degree from Mississippi College. She enjoyed her first airplane ride at nearly 80, and traveled by jet from Greenville to Memphis to attend her 100th birthday party. The cover photo on the new book is a delightful picture of the 98-year-old, raking leaves.

A vegetarian, Mrs. Lowrey has had no serious illnesses or operations.

The book details examples showing Mrs. Lowrey's love and concern for people, and her helpfulness. She believed in religious instruction for her family, and in strict discipline. When asked once what she most wanted in life, she answered that she most wanted for her children to be Christians.

Some of the book's most delightful descriptions of family life are based in Clinton and tell of the days when the Lowrey children were small. While Lowrey was president of Mississippi College (1898-1911) the

president's home was located where First Baptist Church now stands.

Mississippians in particular will thoroughly enjoy this book.

THE BLACK CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE compiled by Emmanuel L. McCall (Broadman Press, 126 pp.) This book grew out of a conference held at Ridgecrest and Gloria Baptist Assemblies in the summer of 1971. It was published to provide information to white Christians about the black church and to help black Baptists understand and appreciate their heritage. The compiler, Emmanuel L. McCall, became associate secretary of the Department of Work with National Baptists, Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention. The eight writers give the reader some unusual insights into black church distinctives, black church history, black worship, black preaching, music in the black church, outreach of the black church, black theology and the black church revolution. — Dick Brogan

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF A CHOIR REHEARSAL by James D. Woodward, illustrated by Wm. James Brown (Convention Press, paper, 114 pp.) Choir members come in many "sizes, shapes, and temperaments." Their motivations for participating may be varied, too. The choir director's task is to confront these varied personalities, backgrounds, and motivations with rehearsal and performance experiences that are meaningful and satisfying to all. This book is an effort to provide suggestions for accomplishing that task. The black and white live drawings are hilarious.

BIBLE PUPPET PLAYS by Ewart A. and Lola M. Autry (Baker, paper, 133 pp., \$1.95) From the creative hands of Pastor and Mrs. Autry comes this collection of unique plays based on the lives of Old Testament Bible characters. The plays were designed to be used with puppets, but could be adapted for use with pupils in Christian day school, church schools, etc. Clear, detailed instructions are included. Mr. Autry is pastor of Pine Grove Church, Hickory Flat, Mississippi, and Mrs. Autry is a freelance writer.

YOU CAN'T STEAL FIRST BASE by Charles Granville Hamilton (Philosophical Library, \$5.95, 137 pp.) Brief sermons on the rules and requirements of the game of the Christian life.

NOAH'S ARK: FACT OR FABLE by Violet M. Cummings (Creation Science Research Center, 352 pp., paper.) Is Noah's ark resting still today in the icy fastnesses of the glaciers on Mt. Ararat, on the border between Russia and Turkey? Many scholars and others believe it is; and that it may not be long until positive proof is revealed to the world. For many years reports have come of the existence of a giant wooden structure partially covered by a glacier, at about the 16,000 ft level of this forbidding peak. Many persons have been reported to have seen it, and even photographs have been seen by some persons. However, positive proof seems to elude those who are searching, and although numerous parties have been formed to ascend the mountain, numerous things have hindered, and success has not yet crowned their efforts. However, the quest has not been abandoned, and some groups even now are planning more expeditions. In this book the author has assembled the many stories, traditions, pictures etc., that have made this such a fascinating search, and also shows why the numerous expeditions have failed. The reader will draw his own conclusions as to the actual existence of the ark, and as to whether it ever will be found. These articles give the conclusion that it will.

ASTHMA, THE BATTLE AND GOD'S VICTORY by Ellen M. Simms (Exposition, 133 pp., \$5) A true story of God's miraculous aid to a family in their life-and-death struggle with asthma. Both small sons suffer with asthma; the family tries a move to Arizona.

GOD, SEX AND YOU by M. O. Vincent (Holman, 165 pp., \$4.95) Author is assistant medical superintendent of Canada's largest mental hospital. In this book he seeks to give the evangelical perspectives to a subject which is so widely discussed today. He reveals some startling facts concerning this open sex society, but shows what the Christian attitude must be toward it, and how the Christian can live for God amidst the immorality of our day.

HIS MANY MANSIONS by Rulon S. Howells (World Publishing, 225 pp., \$5.95) A comparison of 13 major Christian denominations, with a comparative chart on 23 important doctrinal questions.

THINGS FAMILIES DO TOGETHER by Zedabeth Dupree Uland (Convention Press, paper, 68 pp.) A unit for older preschoolers in the New Church Study Course.

What It Means To Share In Christ's Work

By Clifton J. Allen
Matthew 17:1-20; John 15:1-11

A life devoted to God can never be aimed at self-satisfaction but must always be aimed at service to others. This is what it means to share in Christ's work. During the days of his earthly ministry, Christ was a tireless worker engaged in doing the works of God. On one occasion he said, "I must work the works of him that sent me" — but properly translated he said, "We must work the works of him that sent me." Just as the works of Christ declared his relation to the Father, so the works of the Christian are meant to declare his partnership with Christ in the cause of world redemption.

The Lesson Explained
Truth In A Parable
Verses 1-3
Jesus was talking to the disciples on

the night before the crucifixion. He was interpreting to them their continuing mission, and the mission of all Christians down through the ages, and his continuing presence with them through his Spirit. Jesus emphasized the relation of Christians to himself, their union with him. He is the true vine; they are the branches. The fruitless branch is cut off. The branches which bear fruit are pruned that the vine may bear more and better fruit. The Heavenly Father is the vinedresser who cuts away the fruitless branches and who cleanses and prunes the ones bearing fruit. And so the truth of the analogy is clear. The fruitless Christian is taken away. The Christian who bears some fruit is subject to the discipline, as severe as pruning, of the Father's wisdom and love that he may be more fruitful. And we are never to forget that it is the Father, with perfect wisdom and perfect love, who exercises judgment and righteousness in dealing with fruitless Christians and in chastening fruitful Christians to

make them more productive in the work of Christ. **Abiding In Christ**
Verses 4-8
Now Jesus made the application. We are joined to him by faith. His Spirit dwells in us. We are in the Spirit, and so in Christ. But this is a free and responsible relationship, not arbitrary or mechanical. We must voluntarily abide in Christ, acknowledge that we live in him, recognize that we receive our life from him, and prove the reality of our faith by yielding ourselves to him. We must consciously and voluntarily cling to and cultivate this faith relationship, this life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ. If we fail to do so, we become fruitless. Apart from claiming and receiving the life that comes through faith, the strength and guidance of the Spirit, we can do nothing. The inspiring promise is that if we abide in Christ and receive the instruction of his words, we can claim his promise to make our lives fruitful, assured that this will certainly come to pass. And thus we glorify

the Father and please Christ by bearing much fruit; and thus we prove that we are his disciples indeed, that faith works in us to produce good works. **Joy In Service**
Verses 9-12
Our relationship with Christ is the very essence of love. But again, love is voluntary; love calls for responsible commitment; love demands loyalty; love expresses itself by abiding in Christ. And the evidence that we do abide in Christ is that we keep his commandments. Jesus kept the commandments of the Father, undeniable evidence of his abiding in his Father's love. Our obedience confirms our love, and our love proves our faith. It is because we are joined to Christ by faith and love that we give ourselves to doing his work. Faith and love and obedience go together. Love and joy and service go together. Abiding in Christ and working for Christ go together. Obedience to Christ and joy in Christ go together. We share in Christ's work because we share in Christ's life.



Tommy Winders Moves
Evangelism Association
To Tupelo, Mississippi

Tommy Winders, for the past year an associate evangelist with Richard Hogue Evangelism of Houston, Texas, announces that Tommy Winders Evangelism, Inc. is now set up with offices in Tupelo. Native of Tupelo, and a graduate of Delta State College, he received the Master of Theology degree from New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Winders, the former Diane Koonce of Oklahoma City, is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University. While at OBU, Mrs. Winders was a featured soloist with the famed Bison Glee Club under direction of Warren Angell. This past year in evangelism, the Winders have preached and sung in 13 states. Their first full year in evangelism saw approximately 1700 decisions for Christ made, with over 650 first time decisions. They have some open dates for this fall and next spring and may be contacted for concerts, rallies, revivals and crusades through TOMMY WINDERS EVANGELISM, P. O. Box 1711, Tupelo, Ms. 38801. Telephone 601-844-4442.

Argentine Sick Children Get Baptist Assistance

RIO CUARTO, Argentina (BP) — Sick children from 57 families here received medical aid through a local Baptist church and the Baptist World Alliance after parents of several children sought help from a local newspaper.

When the parents asked the newspaper to print requests for medical help, the editors directed them to Alfonso Olmedo, pastor of the Baptist church at Rio Cuarto, about 350 miles west of Buenos Aires in the state of Cordoba.

"They came to my home," Olmedo, a former vice president of the Baptist World Alliance told the Alliance's representatives in Washington, D. C. "It was a joy... to tell them of God's love in the hearts of Baptists of the world," Olmedo said.

He contacted the BWA Office in Washington, requesting assistance from the Alliance's relief program. About 4,268 pesos were sent to Olmedo for the purchase of medicines and powdered milk for the children.

Unselfish Service Is A Demonstration Of Love

ACTS 20
By Bill Duncan

Someone asked a small boy his definition of love. He said, "Love is when there's only one piece of pie left, and Mother isn't hungry." How many times have you known that to happen? Any sincere parent has known the times when his own sleep, food, clothes, and other necessities had to be put aside because of the need for love.

That is what a pastor has to do also. I heard of a fine pastor who had to carry an old man to the hospital because no one else would. When he had returned to his home a call came and he had to turn around and go back to the hospital. Of course, no one made him go but that is the way love operates.

The Cotton Patch Version of Paul's Epistles by Clarence Jordan defines love in I Corinthians 13 as: "And though I have the ability to preach, and know all the secrets and all the slogans, and though I have sufficient faith to move a mountain but have no love, I am nothing. Love is not envious; nor does it strut and brag; it does not act up nor try to get things for itself. It pitches no tantrums,

keeps no books on insults or injuries, sees no fun in wickedness, but rejoices when truth prevails. Love is all embracing, all trusting, all hoping, all enduring. Love never quits."

Love is unselfish service. Paul was always more concerned about others than himself. We will never know all about the collection for the church in Jerusalem. But it seems that Acts 20 is about the collection and the journey and the delivery of the offering. Yet the threat of being put into prison did not stop him from moving in that direction. His own people might hate him but in his heart there was nothing but love and yearning for them. Therefore, the unselfish service was only a demonstration of love.

The parting message of Acts 20 to the church leaders at Ephesus is an emotional dialogue. Paul, of course, does defend his own character and conduct to show that he had done the very best of which he was capable. This was done only to encourage them to be alert to their own responsibility. Because they were on their own, they would need to do likewise. In the speech Paul makes certain claims. (1) He claims that he had spoken fearlessly. He had spoken

God's message with no concern to the fear or favor of men. (2) He had lived independently of man's help. He had not only worked for himself but for the sake of others — to give generously. (3) He faced the future gallantly. He knew what was ahead of him, but he knew he could face it.

The scene is filled with the emotion of love, that is the feeling that should be in every church. When love dies in any church, the work of Christ cannot do other than fade. The air and the atmosphere must be love.

The theme of the meeting could be that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." This had been one of the preserved sayings of Jesus. The action of love brought more attention than the words. The life of Paul was put on the altar of sacrifice. Willingly, Paul bore in his own body the marks of the gospel. Possible loss of life did not make Paul afraid.

A Charlotte, North Carolina, woman found a bird's nest in her yard that stirred her to say, "I'm going to do a little reviewing to make sure I'm living right." The nest was made of leaves, twigs, grass, a decaying dollar bill, and a printed page of Bible verses. Two of the verses on the

page were: "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15) and "For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36).

The world still loves the man who does not think about himself in order to help another. Too many people will do something if they get paid for it. Too few are unselfish in their words. Happiness cannot be bought. Money can inflate the spender's ego and prove to be self-destruction. But Paul gave his life to try and mend the split that had come about between the Jews and the Gentiles in the church. There never will be a better time than now for anyone to give himself to the work of God.

You may have read that there were men who traveled with Paul to places mentioned. The pastor did not travel alone. These men were demonstrating that spirit of service also. Do you go with your pastor to places of services demonstrating that the church is one church? The need of one part was the challenge and the opportunity of all the rest. Do you send your gift or carry it?

Biloxi Youths Conduct VBS As Mission Project

A Mission Vacation Bible School was conducted this summer by the young people of First Church, Biloxi. Permission was gained from the Biloxi Housing Authority for the young people to canvass several housing projects on a door to door basis. The school was held in the East Division Street Community Center and was under the direction of Leon Bedsole, minister of music and youth at the Biloxi church. There were 90 pupils who enrolled with an average attendance of 66, from black families. In addition, about 25 young people of the church conducted the school for one week.

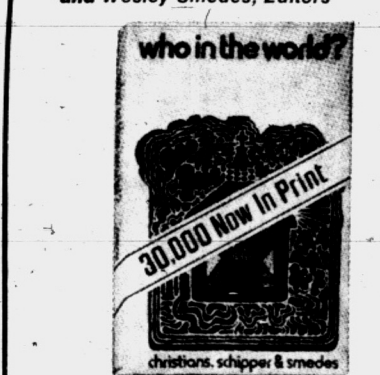
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Revival Dates

- Ebenezer, August 13-18:** Rev. J. A. Jeffreys, pastor of Poplar Springs, Vardaman, evangelist; Rev. Burnette Fielder, pastor of Evansville, Coldwater, singer; Rev. Claude Lazenby, pastor.
- First, Louise (Humphreys):** August 13-18; Rev. W. C. Burns, pastor of First, Taylorsville, evangelist; Kenneth Turner, of Belzoni, singer; Rev. John L. Jones, pastor.
- Lake, First (Scott):** August 13-18; Rev. Alfred Evans, pastor, Mount Home, Morganton, North Carolina, evangelist; Marlene Vance, song leader; Rev. Francis Martin, pastor.
- Yockanookany (Attala):** August 13-18; Rev. Thomas Wicker, pastor at Sallis, evangelist; Joe Duckett, singer; Rev. Danny Chaney, pastor; Sunday evening, Aug. 13, there was a noteburning service held following all-day singing and dinner on the grounds.
- First, New Augusta:** August 20-25; Rev. Billy Murphy, pastor; Rev. Athen McNeil, pastor of Griffin St., Moss Point, evangelist; Barry Morris, minister of music, at New Augusta, singer; services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
- Grandview, Jackson:** August 20-25; Rev. Grover Smith of Coushatta, La., speaker; services at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. O. E. Herrington, pastor; special music at each service.
- Hollandale Church (Washington):** August 16-20; Rev. Buddy Mathis, Pascagoula, evangelist; Sammy Crawford, singer; services 7:30 p. m., Saturday services 7:00 p. m. with a "Sing-Out" at 8:30; Rev. Max Parker, pastor.
- Woolmarket, Biloxi:** August 20-25; 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Charles H. Melton, Chairman of Division of Religion, Clarke College, and director of associational missions for Newton Association, evangelist; Dallas Rayborn, Hattiesburg, music director; Rev. David Perry, pastor.
- First, West Point:** August 20-27; services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. each Sunday; Monday - Friday at 7 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Dr. Ramsey Pollard, evangelist, retired pastor Bellevue Church, Memphis; B. L. Francis, music director, minister of music and youth at First, West Point; Rev. Joel E. Haire, pastor; morning services to be broadcast over WROB.
- Antioch Church (Holmes):** August 20-25; Rev. Harold Hutchenson, evangelist and pastor; Sunday services regular time; weekday services 8 p. m.
- Temple, Mobile, Alabama:** Aug. 21-27; Rev. Glen Savell, evangelist; Rev. Raymond Bishop, music director, Rev. Archie Nix, pastor.
- Daleville (Lauderdale):** August 20-25; Rev. Hugh T. Smith, pastor, preaching; Mrs. Howard Locke, singer; Mrs. Taylor Davis, pianist; services at 7:30 p. m.
- Lula (Riverside):** August 20 - 25; 10:30 and 7:30 weekdays; Rev. David McGowin, pastor of Causeyville, Meridian, evangelist; music led by Wayne Smith, pastor.
- Bethany (Jasper):** Aug. 20 - 25; homecoming Aug. 20, with dinner on the grounds; Rev. James Pugh, Jr., evangelist; Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.; weekday 7 p. m.
- Beulah Memorial (Hinds):** Aug. 20-25; services 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Fred Tarpley, superintendent of missions Hinds-Madison Association, Jackson, evangelist; Mike Clifford, Hinds Junior College, in charge of music; Kay Mason, pianist; Homecoming Sunday morning followed by dinner on the grounds; Rev. Cliff Nelson, pastor.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Pleasant Hill (Calhoun): July 23-28; 23 rededications; three professions of faith; three other additions; Homer Knox, Jr., singer; Rev. Elgin West, pastor, Bradford's Chapel, evangelist; Rev. Elgin West, pastor, Bradford's Chapel, evangelist; Rev. Jon Doler, pastor.

Eastwood, Indianola: Dr. W. I. Thomas, Grand Saline, Texas, Evangelist; Eddie Roland, Atlanta, Georgia, singer; 11 additions by letter; 5 professions of faith; Rev. Bob Bagley, pastor.

Carey Chapel (Marshall): July 23-30; 23 professions of faith; 11 by letter; 1 by statement; 140 rededications; two surrendered to the gospel ministry. Roy Stinson, evangelist; James Nance, pastor.

Clear Creek (Marion): July 30-Aug. 4; Rev. Maurice Waltmon, pastor, North Columbia, evangelist; Rev. Bill Wilkinson, associate pastor and minister of education, First, Columbia, song leader; Gene Stewart, pastor; 10 rededications; 2 professions of faith; 1 by letter.

Berquist To Continue As Midwest Acting President

KANSAS CITY (BP) — The executive committee of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's board of trustees has asked Millard J. Berquist, who officially retired as acting president July 31, to continue as acting president of the school.

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FBC HOLLY SPR	1,799.00	5,674.56	7,473.56	BETHESDA	358.25	71.24	429.49	FAIRHAVEN	2,400.00	3,985.73	6,385.73	RESE HILL	404.58	104.14	508.72	WARRIOR	404.58	104.14	508.72	WARRIOR
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Devotional

I Am The Light

By Frances L. Tyler, Blue Mountain College

"As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." John 9:5

The best way to appreciate light is to contemplate darkness. These two polarities, light and darkness, speak volumes in only three syllables. The French symbolist Arthur Rimbaud expressed the extremities in his poem assigning colors to the vowels. A is black, noir; E is white, blanc. "A" illustrates the lack of response in a new-born infant. "E" illustrates the reaching out of the infant for light. The first sign of response is thrilling for the parent.

Genesis tells of the darkness over the earth in the creation story. Then God spoke, and there was light. Jesus was the Word made flesh and dwelt among us. With Him, came light — like the light in Genesis, but greater. Grace and truth lie in the revelation of a spiritual world, represented to us by the tangible world.

Jesus came as the Light of the World to make the blind to see; the physically blind, yes, but also the spiritually and morally blind.

A staffer at Camp Garaywa years ago was surprised when the lights went out at eleven o'clock. She had not brushed her teeth or gotten ready for bed. The staff bathroom was behind the auditorium. She knew the general direction. Clutching her toothbrush, paste, bath cloth, soap, and towel she started. She remembered some steps to the stage in the auditorium. She got on her hands and knees and crawled along the wall to avoid falling. The journey was long, tiring, and uncertain.

The next morning she went quickly over the very same route. The miracle of LIGHT made the difference. Jesus makes all the difference in the world in our hearts. Where there is despair, He sows hope; where there is hate, He sows forgiveness; where there is injury, He sows pardon.

Light is intriguing in any form. Do you recall Robert Louis Stevenson's "Leerie"?

My tea is nearly ready and the sun has left the sky;
It's time to take the window and see Leerie going by.
For every day at tea time and before you take a seat,
With lantern and with ladder he comes posting up the street.

Now Tom would be a driver and Maria go to sea,
And my papa's a banker and as rich as he can be,
But I, when I am stronger and can choose what I'm to do,
O Leerie, I'll go 'round at night, and light the lamps with you.

Jesus is the Light of the world. Every Christian church, cross, college, hospital, and home bears testimony to the fact that He is still in the world. He is the LIGHT, but we can be light-bearers and lamplighters in Mississippi this August of seventy-two. Eugene O'Neill's tragic family took "A Long Day's Journey Into Night." We can take this day a joyous journey into LIGHT.

DeSoto Deacon Dies

The pastor, Rev. Lynn Mackey, and deacons of DeSoto Church has written the following in memory of a deacon who died this summer:

"On June 15, after years of intense suffering, God called from our midst our beloved friend and fellow-deacon, Lee Byron Elam. He departed this life fully trusting in the merits and saving grace of the Son of God. Of him it can be truly said, 'He did justly, loved mercy and walked humbly with his God.'

Lee Byron Elam was born April 9, 1903. He was ordained as a deacon at Pine Grove Church, Newton County, in 1944 by Rev. J. H. Cranford and Rev. Solmie Smith.

After moving to DeSoto, 19 years ago, he affiliated with DeSoto Church and, in his unpretentious way, endeared himself to those in church and community life with whom he lived, loved and labored. Remembering his testimony, we are assured that he is in the loving care of Him whose will upholds the sky and who said, "Believing, ye shall never die."



The Truth Singers will appear at the North Sunflower Crusade.

23 Churches To Join In N. Sunflower Crusade

An areawide youth crusade, the North Sunflower Crusade for Christ, will be held at the North Sunflower Academy August 27, 31 at 7 p. m. Around 23 churches will be participating, according to Ed Haynes, chairman of the Steering Committee and minister of music at Drew Church.

Jimmy Craft, pictured, senior at Mississippi College and full-time evangelist, will preach. Dick Hill, recording artist who has a Boys' Ranch at Nashville, and who works with young people, will be the singer.

Special personalities will include Truth Singers, a travelling group, shown above; People of the Way, of First Church, Columbia; Pound of Pop, Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson; Parchman Prisoners; Julian Fagan, New Orleans Saints football player; Miss Mississippi, 1972, Jennifer Blair; and a former Miss Junior Miss, Kathy Morris. The Truth Singers will sing in school assemblies during the day and at the crusade, nights.

A rally in preparation for the crusade will be held August 19, from 2 to 8 p. m. at the Drew Baptist Church parking lot, in Drew. The rally will feature gospel singing and Christian witnessing.



Mt. Vernon Choir To Sing In Alabama

Mount Vernon Church, Columbus, Rev. Glenn Puckett, pastor, presented the Mount Vernon Youth Choir, directed by Johnny Johns, in concert, August 13 at 7:30 p. m. On Sunday, August 20, the choir will present the folk musical, "It's All About Love," at Flatwoods Church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Today's Youth



Poplar Flat Church (Louisville) Youth Choir

The youth choir of Poplar Flat Church, Louisville has presented a spiritual message in song entitled "Jesus Christ, The Revelation of God" in several churches during the summer under the direction of Leon Merritt. Rev. Martin Williams is pastor.

Missionaries' Child Is Pneumonia Victim

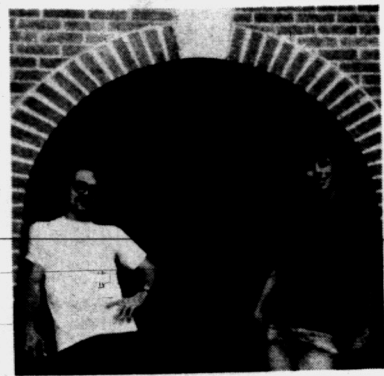
CAMPINAS, Brazil — Fredrick Michael Harner, 3-year-old son of Southern Baptist missionaries, died here July 28. Death apparently was the result of pneumonia.

The boy first became ill with a cold. He was staying with friends of the family while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Fredrick Harner, were away on a trip in their mission field.

Funeral and burial services were held here July 28. (Brazilian law requires burial within 24 hours of death.)

They have another child, Michelle Diane, nearly 2.

Their address is Caixa 758, 13100 Sao Paulo, Brazil.



Wayne Gray, left, will play the part of Murph, and Ricky Berry, right, will play John, in "Natural High," at Gulfport.

1st, Gulfport To Present "Natural High"

At 8:00 p. m. on August 21 - 22 at Gulfport East High School Auditorium, the folk musical "Natural High" will be presented by "The Reflection," a singing group of 65 young people from First Church, Gulfport. The singers will be accompanied by trumpets, trombones, guitars, organ, and percussion. Choreography is under direction of Janie Still. The music director is Jimmy Cutrell. Dr. John Traylor is pastor.



Mona Richardson will play the part of Carol and Nedra Allgood the role of Jackie.



Highland, Laurel, Youth Choir Tours State

The Youth Choir of Highland Church, Laurel, under direction of James Young, toured several churches in the state July 30 - August 6. They gave concerts at Meridian, Louisville, Charleston, Drew, Parchman, Vicksburg, Jackson, and Laurel. They also visited Lake Tiak O'Khata, Lake Forest Ranch, Grenada Lake, Delta Village, and Vicksburg National Military Park. Rev. Ralph Graves is pastor.



Woodlawn Choir Combines Tour And Retreat

The youth choir of Woodlawn, Vicksburg, has returned from a combination tour and retreat. They spent a week at Lake Tiak O'Khata near Louisville and sang at French Camp Academy and First Church, Philadelphia. After a mission concert at Lake Tiak O'Khata, they sang at Parchman and at Carriage Hills, Southaven. Their home concert was given July 30; many decisions for Christ were made. The Woodlawn pastor is Rev. Carl S. Barnes; the choir is under direction of Paul G. Hill, minister of music and youth.

Off The Record

Sign placed in a New York parking lot: Sports car owners — Please do not drive between the legs of the parking attendant.

A boring relative visited her nephew and his family, staying throughout the day. When at least she started to leave, she asked her nephew's small son, "Well, Jimmy, are you going to walk me to the bus stop?" "I can't, ma'am. As soon as you leave, we're going to eat!"

The mother of eight children under 11 told me wryly: "This morning the children were so noisy that I threatened, 'The first person in this house who screams is going to get his mouth soaped.' And, you know, I can still taste the stuff!"

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Morrison Heights Young People "On The Go"

Young people at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, are typical of the many this summer who are travelling on youth choir tours and camping expeditions. Top photo: The Morrison Heights Choir returns from a five-state mission and witnessing tour. (Dick Love is the minister of music and youth). The day the choir left on tour, a group of Royal Ambassadors left for a week of camp at Paul B. Johnson State Park near Hattiesburg. The campers were: (bottom photo) seated, l. to r.: Bonnie Voyles, Bruce King, Jim Turcotte, and Chuck Brown. Standing, l. to r.: Ken Hodges, John Sanford, Darrell Dilmore, Carl Gladney, and Richard Huff. Behind the boys is Jack Rutland, leader. Rev. Charles Gentry is pastor.



Biloxi Choir Tours Ala. - Ga.

The Senior High Choir of First Church, Biloxi left on August 2 for a tour that included stops at First Church, Prattville, Alabama; First, Bessemer, Alabama; First, Morrow, Georgia; Wynnton Church, Columbus, Georgia; and Ozark Church, Ozark, Alabama. The young people presented the musical, "Love." Leon Bedsole is minister of music at Biloxi. Rev. Frank Gunn is pastor.

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